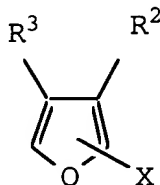


substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein  $R^3$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 51. (Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein X is [hydrogen or] hydroxyl;

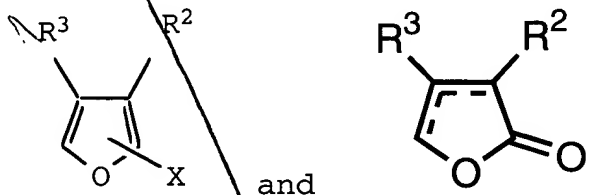
wherein  $R^2$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

wherein  $R^3$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a

pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 57. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula selected from



wherein X is hydroxyl; wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 59. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula